

**Introduced by Senator Torlakson**

August 4, 2004

Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 93—Relative to Bone and Joint Decade National Awareness Week.

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SCR 93, as introduced, Torlakson. Bone and Joint Decade National Awareness Week.

This measure would declare the week of October 12 to 20, 2004, inclusive, as Bone and Joint Decade National Awareness Week in California, and would encourage the communities and citizens of California to organize activities during that week to promote awareness about musculoskeletal conditions and to help educate our citizens about prevention strategies.

Fiscal committee: no.

- 1 WHEREAS, California has declared its support for the Bone
- 2 and Joint Decade; and
- 3 WHEREAS, Musculoskeletal (bone and joint) disorders such as
- 4 arthritis, back pain, childhood musculoskeletal conditions,
- 5 osteoporosis, and major limb trauma, poses a significant and
- 6 increasing burden on American citizens; and
- 7 WHEREAS, Patients suffering from musculoskeletal
- 8 conditions, as well as the health care professionals who treat them,
- 9 and medical and patient health associations are joining together to
- 10 advance the understanding and treatment of musculoskeletal
- 11 disorders through prevention, education, and research; and
- 12 WHEREAS, Musculoskeletal conditions adversely affect the
- 13 occupations and social lives of millions of people throughout



1 California, and one in every seven Americans, costing billions of  
2 dollars in treatments and lost productivity; and

3 WHEREAS, The more the public and patients learn about  
4 prevention activities, the better able they are to prevent a  
5 musculoskeletal disorder; and

6 WHEREAS, The more patients with musculoskeletal  
7 conditions learn about treatment options, the better able they are  
8 to work with health care professionals in determining the best  
9 course of action; and

10 WHEREAS, The week of October 12 to 20, 2004, inclusive, has  
11 been declared as Bone and Joint Decade National Awareness Week  
12 by the United States Bone and Joint Decade, which is a part of the  
13 worldwide bone and joint decade initiative; now, therefore, be it

14 *Resolved by the Senate of the State of California, the Assembly*  
15 *thereof concurring,* That the Legislature recognizes the  
16 importance of citizen awareness of musculoskeletal disorders and  
17 conditions and declares the week of October 12 to 20, 2004,  
18 inclusive, as Bone and Joint Decade National Awareness Week in  
19 California, and encourages the communities and citizens of  
20 California to organize activities during that week to promote  
21 awareness about musculoskeletal conditions, and to help educate  
22 our citizens about prevention strategies; and be it further

23 *Resolved,* That the Secretary of the Senate transmit copies of  
24 this resolution to the author for appropriate distribution.

